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In compliance with Applicant's and his attorney's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, the Applicant does hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO - 1449, and copies of the references listed thereon.

A patent search was manually conducted for the invention described in the above-referenced patent application. In the course of the search, no patents were found for an apparatus that has the same structural features or that operates in the same manner such as the invention listed above. The following six (6) patents, however, were noted as being of interest and are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention as references AA - AF. The significance of each listed reference is as follows:

1 AA. U.S. Patent No. 6,285,472 (Odhner et al.) discloses a curved surface element
2 (e.g. light bulb, ornament, etc.) which has at least a portion thereof (inner or outer surface)
3 covered with a holographic diffraction grating which was constructed to be essentially
4 distortion free on the curved surface, whereby such diffraction grating diffracts light to emit
5 color to the observer.

6 AB. U.S. Patent No. 6,129,771 (Ficke et al.) discloses a multi-layer gel candle
7 which includes a substantially transparent container in which multiple layers of mineral oil-
8 based gel are poured in selective layer patterns.

9 AC. U.S. Patent No. 5,879,694 (Morrison et al.) discloses a transparent stiff gel
10 candles comprising a hydrocarbon oil, a wick, and one or more triblock, radial block or
11 multiblock copolymer of a thermoplastic rubber and optionally a diblock copolymer.

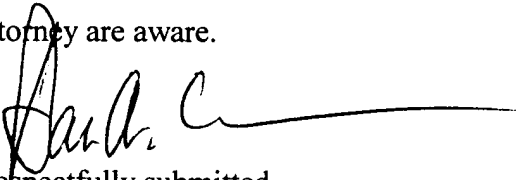
12 AD. U.S. Patent No. 5,262,929 (Lenhart) discloses an illusionary light apparatus
13 which consists of an enclosure with at least a portion fabricated out of a one-way mirror glass
14 and a light source carried within the enclosure. When illumination is emitted from the light
15 source and contracts the one-way mirror glass of the enclosure an optical illusion is created
16 showing many light sources.

17 AE. U.S. Patent No. 4,947,299 (Lin) discloses a holographic decorative lamp
18 including a holographic film pre-recorded with many interference patterns of a torch formed
19 on a shade of the lamp, whereby upon an illumination of the lamp, plural three-dimensional
20 superimposed imager of the torch can be observed through the holographic film.

21 AF. U.S. Patent No. 4,940,301 (Sallai) discloses a method and apparatus for
22 enhancing a holographic image in order to create an eerie spiritual visual image, which can be
23 used in conjunction with religious pictures in hologram form, or an eerie visual image of

1 decorative scenes. A holographic film incorporating an image therein is placed between two
2 plates of optically transparent material such as glass. A direct source of illumination of the
3 image through candlelight set at the focal point distance in front of the hologram film.

4 The Applicant and his attorney submit that the above-cited references taken alone or
5 in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. None of the
6 references disclose or claim a gel candle assembly comprising a gel candle made of three
7 different viscosity mineral oils and a polymer to produce a self-supporting structure. The gel
8 candle is transparent and manufactured into an elongated polyhedron or cylinder. It is placed
9 onto a plastic base with perpendicularly aligned side walls, a holographic liner inside the
10 base, and a transparent cover with covers the gel candle and selectively attaches to the plastic
11 base. When in use, the light from the candle flame is refracted through the candle and
12 reflected from the holographic liner. The listed references relate only to the general field of
13 the disclosure and do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material
14 to the claims; they are cited only as constituting the closest art of which the Applicant and his
15 attorney are aware.

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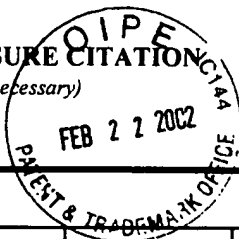
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